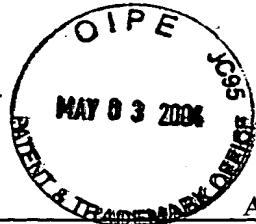


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Transmitted herewith is a Response in the above-identified application.

Small Entity Status is asserted for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.  
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.  
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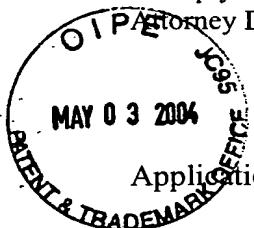
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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action of December 1, 2003, Applicant submits the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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